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FORM of Thanksgiving
FOR THE
BLESSING OF HARVEST

AS SET FORTH BY
THE LORD BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.
1877.

¶ *The usual Order for Morning or Evening Prayer shall be observed, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.*

¶ *Let him that ministereth begin with the following sentences:*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, because his mercy endureth for ever. *Ps. cxviii. 1.*

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, for it becometh well the just to be thankful. *Ps. xxxiii. 1.*

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. *Prov. iii. 9, 10.*

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. *Ps. xxiv. 1.*

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PROPER PSALMS.

(Two or more may be used.)

Ps. LXV ; LXXXI ; CXLIV ; CXLV ; CXLVII.

PROPER LESSONS.

First Lesson : Deut. viii. ; or Deut. xvi. to v. 12.

Second Lesson : St. Luke xii. v. 15 to v. 25 ; or ii. Corinthians 9.

¶ *After, or instead of, the Collect of the Day, one or more of the following Collects may be used :*

O ALMIGHTY GOD and heavenly Father, we glorify Thee that we are once more permitted to enjoy the fulfilment of Thy gracious promise, that while the earth remaineth seed-time and harvest shall not fail. Blessed be Thou, who hast given us the fruits of the earth in their season. Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that man doth live ; but grant that we may feed on Him who is the true Bread which cometh down from heaven, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, at whose bidding the earth withholdeth her increase, or again rendereth her fruits in their seasons ; give us grace that we may learn alike from Thy mercies and from Thy judgments our entire dependence on Thee for the supply of our daily bread, and being fully persuaded that whatever blessing we receive at Thy hands is designed for our trial, as well as for our comfort, may we give Thee of that which is Thine own, by contributing to the maintenance of Thy Holy Church, and the relief of the poor and the afflicted, the widow and the orphan, to the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we pray Thee, sow the seed of Thy Word in our hearts, and send down upon us the showers of Thy grace, that we may bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, and at the great Day of Harvest may be gathered by Thy holy Angels into the heavenly garner, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

LET US PRAY FOR A BLESSING ON THE MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH:

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whose dearly beloved Son, after His resurrection from the dead, sent His Apostles into all the world; and on the day of Pentecost endued them with special gifts of the Holy Ghost, that they might gather in the spiritual harvest; we beseech Thee to look down from heaven upon the fields now white unto the harvest, in this country and in other lands; and to send forth more labourers into Thy harvest, to gather fruit unto eternal life. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, so to help them with our prayers and offerings, that when the harvest of the earth is ripe, and the time for reaping is come, we, together with them, may rejoice before Thee, according to the joy in harvest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *After the General Thanksgiving shall be said one or more of the following Prayers:*

A LMIGHTY Father, we bless and praise Thee, that in love to Thy children Thou hast at this season bestowed upon us such an abundant supply for all our necessities; grant that we may never be destitute of those better gifts which nourish and enrich the soul. Thou hast watered our fields with the dews of heaven, and poured out upon us the former and the latter rain, according to our need: Thou hast reserved unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. And now we further beseech Thee, merciful Father, to shower down upon us Thy heavenly grace, and endue us with the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, so that we may bring forth abundant fruits to Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST merciful Father, who of Thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of Thy Church, and has granted us to gather in the kindly fruits of the earth in their season; we give Thee humble thanks for this Thy bounty, beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness towards us, that our land may yield her increase, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *This Prayer may be used, instead of the two former, when the harvest has been defective.*

ALMIGHTY GOD and heavenly Father, who art able either to send us an abundance or scarceness, and who hast in wisdom seen fit to withhold from us at this time Thine accustomed bounty; we most humbly praise Thee for still bestowing upon us far more than we deserve. Make us truly thankful for our many blessings. Increase in us more and more a lively faith and love, and an humble submission to Thy blessed will. Be pleased to continue Thy favour, with the light of Thy Gospel, to us and our posterity for evermore. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *Instead of the Collect for the day, one of the special Collects may be used.*

The Epistle. Rev. xiv. v. 14 to v. 19.

The Gospel. St. Mat. xiii. v. 36 to v. 44.

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